

WHAT IS CLAIMED:

1. An apparatus for storing a plurality of slides in an angular or offset arrangement, the apparatus comprising:

5 a base member for providing vertical support to the plurality of slides, a top surface of the base member being positioned at a base angle relative to the horizontal;

a first support member being positioned at a first angle relative to a horizontal; and

10 a second support member being positioned at a second angle relative to the horizontal,

at least one of the base member, the first support member, and the second support member being arranged at an angle relative to the horizontal so that the plurality of slides are angularly stacked on the base member and between the first and second support members.

2. The apparatus of claim 1, the first angle being different than the second angle.

3. The apparatus of claim 1, a bottom slide of the plurality of slides being dispensed through a slot defined between one of the support members and the base member.

4. The apparatus of claim 1, the plurality of angularly stacked slides being offset relative to each other.

5. The apparatus of claim 1, the plurality of angularly stacked slides having a fanning arrangement.

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6. An apparatus for storing a plurality of slides in an angular arrangement, the apparatus comprising:

a base member having an angled top surface relative to a horizontal, the base member providing vertical support to the plurality of slides;

a first support member; and

a second support member,

the first and second support members being substantially parallel to each other, the plurality of slides being angularly stacked on the angled top surface of the base member and between the first and second support members so that at least two bottom slides of the plurality of slides are offset from each other.

7. The apparatus of claim 6, the apparatus being tilted so that the plurality of angularly stacked slides are substantially parallel to the horizontal.

8. The apparatus of claim 6, at least one support member supporting a portion of the weight of a slide in the tilted apparatus.

9. The apparatus of claim 6, a bottom slide of the plurality of slides being dispensed through a slot defined between one of the support members and the base member.

10. The apparatus of claim 6, the plurality of angularly stacked slides having a fanning arrangement.

11. The apparatus of claim 6, further comprising a friction reducing member that contacts one or more slides.

12. An apparatus for storing a plurality of slides<sup>3</sup> in an angular arrangement, the apparatus comprising:

5       a base member for providing vertical support to the plurality of slides, a top surface of the base member being substantially parallel to a horizontal;

          a first support member arranged at a first angle relative to the horizontal; and

10       a second support member arranged at a second angle relative to the horizontal,

          the plurality of slides being angularly stacked on the base member and between the first and second support members so that at least the two bottom slides of the plurality of slides are  
15       offset from each other.

13. The apparatus of claim 12, the first angle being different than the second angle.

14. The apparatus of claim 12, the first support member being fixed at the first angle.

20       15. The apparatus of claim 12, the second support member being fixed at the second angle.

16. The apparatus of claim 12, the first support member being adjustable.

17. The apparatus of claim 12, the second support member being adjustable.

18. The apparatus of claim 12, a bottom slide of the plurality of slides being dispensed through a slot defined between one of  
5 the support members and the base member.

19. The apparatus of claim 12, the plurality of angularly stacked slides having a fanning arrangement.

20. The apparatus of claim 12, further comprising a friction reducing member that contacts one or more slides.

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